

Motion 1: Palestine (Netherlands, Belgium)

LI CLP notes that

- a) The leaders of the UK, France and Canada stated on 19/5/2025 that *"We have always supported Israel's right to defend Israelis against terrorism. But this escalation is wholly disproportionate."*
- b) The UK Foreign Secretary stated on 9/6/2026 *"Since October, over 900 Palestinians in Gaza have been killed. 1.9 million Palestinians remain displaced and dependent on humanitarian aid."*
- c) Some 4,691 Palestinians are held in Israeli prisons without charge or trial.
- d) Since 2020 Israeli soldiers and settlers have killed at least 1,100 Palestinian civilians in the West Bank. No one has been charged over any of these deaths.
- e) Former UK ambassadors wrote on 7/4/2026 that *"Israel proceeds with its systematic West Bank annexation"* and the Israeli Government has *"grown used to rhetorical condemnation without consequences."*

LI calls on the Labour Government to

- 1) Suspend the UK-Israel trade and partnership agreement
- 2) End all arms sales to Israel until it demonstrates that it has abandoned collective punishment and disproportionate violence in response to resistance to illegal occupation.
- 3) Ban transit for any vessels or aircraft transporting military equipment and munitions to Israel.
- 4) Ban the import of goods and services from Israeli settlements in the occupied territories in accordance with the British Government's clear position on the illegality of those settlements.
- 5) Take action to initiate and boost multi-lateral processes to achieve a two-state solution, including the release or trial of all those held without charge or trial by Israel.

Co-sponsored by LI Belgium

Proposed: Sue Blackwell, Netherlands Branch

Seconded: TBD, Belgium Branch

Motion 2: Building on National insurance (*Southern France, Isle of Man, Ireland*)

People's security faces new challenges so the National Insurance we contribute to needs reinforcement.

For example the UK's private rental sector is part of the UK's housing mix, providing housing across a broad bandwidth.

The policy of neglect by the previous Conservative governments in providing adequate social housing. Created an unhealthy reliance on the private rental sector.

Successive Conservative Governments replaced more cost-effective social housing with private rental accommodation.

Creating the additional need for increased State rental support for low-income groups to make up the shortfall in rents paid to private Landlords.

We now need an investigation and a focus on private rental age groups from 45 to 68 years of age.

To highlight any potential age pension time bomb awaiting future incoming Governments.

It's not inconceivable that this group might expand due to the present shortfalls in social housing provision.

Accompanied by a need for more government support, as more people could head into retirement with lower incomes and savings, due to a life time, paying higher private rents.

In a similar manner, many may face high costs for adult social care.

Therefore this Motion calls on the Government with timely immediacy to enable UK citizens to pay more contributions into their own personal State National Insurance

So the State Pension paid from NI contributions can become more versatile in providing some extra help in old age towards paying a myriad of age-related issues.

This Motion, therefore, calls for an investigation into enabling more weekly National Insurance payments to be allowed. To top up each individual's own personal National Insurance pot, if they so wish. Thus allowing them to receive extra pension payments. When they need it later in life

Further, to increase the range of standard NI benefits to include social care

And, in addition to voluntary contributions, redefine normal contributions on a progressive scale without a top limit and make all income earned and unearned subject to NI apart from the state pension.

Finally, ring fence NI contributions for the above uses separate from any other Government spending.

Motion 3: Jury trials (Netherlands)

LI notes that:

1. Trial by jury has been established in criminal proceedings in England since the 13th century;
2. The Bushel case (1670) established "the right of juries to give their verdicts according to their convictions"¹;
3. British juries have a tradition of acquitting defendants charged with crimes related to political protests.

LI notes with great concern that:

1. Lord Walney's 'independent' report (May 2024) frames jury acquittals of those demanding climate and racial justice as a problem to be solved²;
2. The Courts and Tribunals Bill 2026-7 includes clauses removing the right to jury trial for certain cases³;
3. Recently, defendants have been prevented from explaining their motives to the jury⁴;
4. Defendants have been sentenced for damage to property on the basis of a "terrorist connection," despite never being charged with any terrorism offence, and the jury not being informed that such a sentence was possible⁵;
5. Their barrister has been charged with contempt of court for his address to the jury⁶.

LI believes that the right to a fair trial by a jury of one's peers is a central part of our justice system, and that recent developments undermining it represent a threat to our democracy.

LI calls on the UK Government to:

1. Cease its attempts to restrict jury trials;
2. Prevent political interference in the right of defendants to give their evidence and the right of juries to hear it;
3. Ensure juries are informed of potential sentencing consequences of their verdicts.

Proposed: Sue Blackwell

Seconded: Frank Little

For further information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/in-defence-of-the-jury-trial>

Motion 4: Potentially Discriminatory wording in Labour Party forms / Interpretation of Equality Act 2010 (Netherlands)

LI notes with dismay that the registration form for delegates to party conference 2026 included the following section:

"This question asks about your biological sex (the sex recorded at birth). We need accurate data on biological sex to verify your eligibility for any applicable sex-based positive action measures and to assist the police with their verification process.

What is your biological sex?

What is your biological sex? cannot be blank."

LI believes that questions of this kind discriminate against trans members; and that such questions, and references to verification by the police, discourage trans and other members from being delegates to Conference.

LI calls on the Labour Party to apply gender-inclusive policies throughout its structures and procedures, and to work towards amending the Equality Act 2010 as necessary to redress the shortcomings brought to light by the UK Supreme Court judgment on 16 April 2025 and the subsequent guidance and Draft Code of Practice by the EHRC.

For information:

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/our-work/uk-supreme-court-ruling-meaning-sex-equality-act-our-work>

Proposer: Frank Little

Seconder: Sue Blackwell

Motion 5: MPs misuse of by-elections (Central, Eastern and northern Europe)

LI Notes

- That a by-election will soon take place in Clacton due to Nigel Farage's resignation as an MP while under investigation by the Committee on Standards which could result in his recall.
- That Farage intends to stand in this by-election, and that *The Independent* recently reported that running this by-election will cost the taxpayer around £275,000.
- That to resign, an MP must ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer to appoint them Steward and Bailiff of either the Chiltern Hundreds or the Manor of Northstead. As such, the Chancellor can prevent an MP from resigning.

LI Believes

- This by-election to be an unnecessary and expensive political stunt being pulled at the taxpayers' expense.
- That MPs should cooperate with investigations conducted by the Committee on Standards and should not be able to evade recall or other consequences by resigning pre-emptively.
- That this by-election could have ultimately been prevented by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and that doing so would have saved taxpayers' money and strengthened Parliamentary accountability.

LI Resolves

- That, in future, the Chancellor of the Exchequer should refuse to appoint MPs who are being investigated by the Committee on Standards as either the Steward and Bailiff of the Chiltern Hundreds, or the Steward and Bailiff of the Manor of Northstead.